

MIXED NATIONALITY COMMISSION

Exchange of notes at Warsaw February 16 and March 8, 1947

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Department of State files

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

His Excellency

ARTHUR BLISS LANE

Ambassador of the United States

in Warsaw

EXCELLENCY:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs transmits expressions of respect to the American Embassy in Warsaw and in connection with the Embassy's note No. 842 of January 3, 1947 and the conference of January 21, 1947 concerning the mixed Polish-American Commission for citizenship affairs, has the honor to inform the Embassy as follows:

The Ministry shares the Embassy's view that the Commission would be authorized to collect and determine appropriate facts and, on this basis, to make recommendations to the governments of the Polish Republic and of the United States of America, leaving to each sovereign state final decision in citizenship matters.

The Ministry feels that a parity basis would be most suitable for a Commission of this sort (for instance, two representatives of the Polish Republic's government and two Embassy representatives) with Polish and American Chairmen alternating.

The detailed procedure for its work (formal method for convoking the Commission for further meetings, presentation of cases for the Commission's examination, determination of the material basis for the Commission's decisions, submission of evidence and making of recommendations) could be prepared by the Commission itself at its first meeting.

In informing the Embassy of the above, the Ministry proposes calling the Commission's first meeting for March 5, 1947.

¹ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States May 21, 1948.

I take the opportunity to renew, Your Excellency, the expressions of my highest respect and regard.

J. OLSZEWSKI

WARSAW, *February 16, 1947*

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 921

WARSAW, *March 8, 1947*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the note dated February 16, 1947 from Your Excellency's Ministry concerning the formation of a Mixed Nationality Commission to deal with problems affecting claimants to American citizenship.

The Embassy has understood from several conversations with members of the Ministry that such a Commission would be empowered to arrange for American Embassy representatives accompanied by Polish Government representatives to visit claimants to American citizenship now under arrest for the purpose of determining the validity of their claims to citizenship. On the understanding that this assumption is correct, my Government has authorized me to accept the proposal in Your Excellency's Ministry's Note under acknowledgement. My Government has also designated as American delegates on the Mixed Nationality Commission: (1) the American Ambassador or in his absence the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., and (2) First Secretary Edmund J. Dorsz.

In order that the Commission may begin functioning at the earliest practicable date, I should be most appreciative if Your Excellency would inform me of the date when the Mixed Nationality Commission may assemble for its first meeting.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

GERALD KEITH

His Excellency

ZYGMUNT MODZELEWSKI

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Warsaw